BEFORE THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION STATE OF FLORIDA

SUPREME CT. CASE NO.: 06-1376

INQUIRY CONCERNING JUDGE STEVEN J. DE LAROCHE NO.: 06-22

AGREED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE FILING OF AN ANSWER ON BEHALF OF RESPOND

The undersigned, Steven J. deLaroche, (hereinafter, Responden by and through his undersigned counsel, pursuant to Rule 17 of the F. J.Q.C Rules, hereby submits this agreed Motion for Extension, saying as follows:

- 1. The requested extension is being made in good faith and pursuant to Rule 17 which provides, "that the Chair of the Hearing Panel may extend the time for the filing of an Answer..."
- 2. Undersigned counsel has contacted Laurie Waldman Ross, Esq., Special Counsel to the FJQC , who has agreed to the requested extension and stipulated to the date for the filling and service of an Answer. Ms. Ross stipulated that the Motion could be styled an "Agreed Motion" under these circumstances.
- 3. The factual predicate for this request is based upon a number of factors, including: (a) The Respondent had already scheduled an out of state family vacation for the week of July 31, 2006 and was therefore unavailable for purposes of client conferencing; (2) Undersigned counsel's legal assistant who has been working on this matter had an emergency medical situation involving her mother, who died on August 3, 2006 and who will be out for the funeral services, etc. the week of August 7, 2006; (3) the nature and number of charges requires that undersigned counsel prepare a defense as effectively and as detailed as possible and needs the additional time to do so.
- 4. The parties have therefore agreed to the Respondent filing and serving an Answer on or before September 5, 2006.
- 5. In that there has not been a hearing Officer assigned for the review of this matter, this matter has been sent by Federal Express to John Beranek, Esq., General Counsel

to the Hearing Panel, P. O. Box 391, Tallahassee, Florida and to Hon. Morris Silberman, at 1700 N. Tampa Street, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida, 33602 this 8th day of August, 2006, and per the recommendations of Ms. Ross.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent, Judge deLaroche, respectfully requests that the Commission grant the requested extension as agreed upon with the FJQC's special counsel and enter an Order in accordance with said Motion.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with the directions set forth in the Notice of Formal Charges, a copy of this Agreed Motion as been sent to Laurie Waldman Ross, Esq. Two Datran Center, Suite 1612, 9130 South Dadeland Blvd., Miami, Florida 33156-7818; Marvin Barkin, Esq. 101 Kennedy Blvd., Suite 2700, Tampa, Florida 33602; and to Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of Court, The Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927 via mail and e-mail at e-file@flcourts.org in Microsoft Word format as set forth in the Supreme Court's administrative order dated September 13, 2004, this 8th day of August, 2006.

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